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Region 1 Ordinary Meeting

Date: Friday 24 May 2019, Start Time: 10.30am

Location: Robert Brown Room

Address: AlburyCity Council, 553 Kiewa Street, Albury

MINUTES

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Present

Cr David Thurley	AlburyCity Council
Brad Ferris	AlburyCity Council
Greg Whorlow	AlburyCity Council
Cr Terry Weston	Greater Hume Shire
Mark Verbaken	City of Wodonga
David Wortmann	Towong Shire
Cr Tony Quinn	Greater Hume Shire
Geoff Lucas	Private Member
Cr Pat Bourke	Federation Council
Guest: Rene Woods	Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations

1.2 Apologies

Cr Bernard Gaffney	Indigo Shire
Alex Anthony	Murray Darling Basin Authority Albury Wodonga office
Mr Bill Tilley MP	
Bridgett Leopold	RAMJO CEO
Andrew Lawson	AlburyCity Council
Adrian Butler	Federation Council
Cr Ron Mildren	City of Wodonga

1.3 Declaration of Interests

There was no Declaration of Interests received by the Chairperson.

2. WELCOME

2.1 Cr David Thurley – Chair Region 1

Cr Thurley welcomed members and guests to the meeting and declared the meeting opened and noted the apologies received.

Moved: David Wortmann, **Seconded:** Cr Pat Bourke

MOTION

That the apologies be accepted.

CARRIED

3. MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the previous meeting on Friday 22 February 2019 in Albury.

Moved: Cr Tony Quinn, **Seconded:** Cr Terry Weston

MOTION

That the minutes of the Murray Darling Association Region 1 meeting held on Friday 22 February 2019 in Albury be accepted.

CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Water Trading from Victoria into NSW – some trade possible and has occurred.

4.2 Water Cap question from Cr Tony Quinn, what do other regions think?

Moved: Cr Tony Quinn, **Seconded:** Cr Terry Weston

MOTION:

That the Murray Darling Association Chairman request the other Murray Darling Association regions to state their position on the possibility of lifting the water buying cap.

CARRIED

5. REPORTS

5.1 CEO's April Report

New website is up and running online.

Murray Darling Association Conference dates are 22-24 October 2019 and the Conference will be held in Toowoomba, QLD. More details can be found on the new Murray Darling Association [website](#).

Moved: Brad Ferris **Seconded:** Cr Tony Quinn

MOTION:

That the CEO's April Report be received and noted.

CARRIED

5.2 Chairman's April Report

Moved: Brad Ferris **Seconded:** Cr Tony Quinn

MOTION:

That the Chairman's April report be received and noted.

CARRIED

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Discussion on Stakeholder Forum hosted by The Hon. Melinda Pavey MP.

7. STAKEHOLDERS PRESENTATION

7.1 Rene Woods – Murray Lower Darling Rivers Indigenous Nations

Moved: Geoff Lucas **Seconded:** Cr Pat Bourke

MOTION:

That the Murray Darling Association Region 1 receive and note the presentation by Rene Woods. Rene talked about the spiritual, culturally and economic outcomes from our own water entitlements. Why is water important to First Nations people. He also talked about Cultural flows.

CARRIED

8. NEXT MEETING

8.1 Friday 23 August 2019

9. CLOSE

9.1 The meeting closed at 11.40am.

*The Murray Darling Association acknowledges and thanks
AlburyCity for arranging and hosting this meeting of Region 1.*